



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF MASBATE

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05
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**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING MORE MEASURES
TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE**

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, upon confirmation by the Department of Health (DOH) of the local transmission of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the Philippines, **President Rodrigo Roa Duterte** declared a **State of Public Health Emergency** throughout the Philippines pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11332 through **Proclamation No. 922** in order *"to capacitate government agencies and LGUs to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community"*;

WHEREAS, under **Section 2 of said Proclamation No. 922**, *"(a)ll government agencies and LGUs are... enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat"*;

WHEREAS, during its meeting on March 9, 2020, the **Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease** (1), adopted **Resolution No. 10**, entitled **"Recommendations for the Management of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation"**, in which it adopted the recommendations of the **DOH Technical Advisory Group of Social Distancing Measures**, among the salient points thereof being the prohibition of **mass gatherings**, defined as *"planned or spontaneous events where the number of people attending could strain the planning and response resources of the community hosting the event"*, in the National Capital Region during the period from March 10 to March 14, 2020; and (2), requested the Office of the President to adopt said Resolution No. 10 and to direct other agencies of the national government to implement its provisions;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the **Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)** issued an **Advisory** for "All Provincial Governors, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors, BARMM Chief Minister, DILG Regional Directors, and Others Concerned" with the Subject: **"Compliance to the Department of Health Circulars and Advisories on the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) and the Declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines"**, directing *"all LGUs... to comply with the guidelines set forth (in DOH Circulars and Advisories) as well as the implementation/reiteration of the advisories put forth"*, among which is **DOH Advisory on Concerts and Other Public Events and Gatherings**, providing as follows:

"With the ongoing threat of the COVID-19, the DOH strongly urges the public to avoid attending, participating in and organizing events that draw a huge number of attendees. The DOH likewise recommends the cancellation of such planned big events or mass gatherings until further advised. To further minimize the risk of contracting the COVID-19, the public is advised to avoid crowded places and continue to practice self-protection measures".

WHEREAS, in the same March 10, 2020, **DILG Advisory**, LGU's are likewise ordered to (1). Render full assistance and cooperation to affected families and members of the community; (2). Utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19; (3). **Mitigate the effects and impact of COVID-19 to the community**; and (4). Prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community";

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that on March 13, 2020, Executive order no. 04, entitled **AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING DOH ADVISORY ON PUBLIC EVENTS AND MASS GATHERINGS DUE TO THE THREAT OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE** was issued, other measures are still necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Province of Masbate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTONIO T. KHO, Governor of the Province of Masbate, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Community Quarantine. The transport, for free or for a fee, by sea or air, of any individual or cargoes, except basic commodities, to any part (ports and shorelines) of the territory of the Province of Masbate shall be prohibited.

SECTION 2. Inter-island Community Quarantine.

- a. It shall be prohibited for residents of Mainland Masbate to go to the islands of Ticao or Burias;
- b. It shall likewise be prohibited for residents of Ticao to go to the islands of Burias and for the residents of Burias to the islands of Ticao;
- c. Residents of Ticao and Burias Islands may travel to Masbate main island, provided the following conditions are complied with:
 1. The purpose of the travel shall be either to purchase basic goods and commodities or to seek medical assistance only;
 2. The ports of entry and departure shall be the ports of Aroroy and Masbate City only;
 3. The Punong Barangay of the vessel's port of origin shall have issued a certification as to:
 - (a) Purpose of the travel (either to purchase basic goods and commodities or to seek medical assistance);
 - (b) Personal details of the patient seeking medical assistance and of the patient's accompanying caregivers; and
 - (c) Personal details of the vessel's crew.

SECTION 3. Social Distancing. All persons shall observe interpersonal or social distancing of at least one (1) meter as well as such other precautionary measures per advisories of the Department of Health (DOH).


SECTION 4. Mandatory Self-Quarantine. Any person who had been to a place with confirmed cases of COVID-19 shall report to his Barangay Officials and undergo a 14-day self-quarantine beginning from his/her date of arrival. His health conditions and whereabouts shall be monitored by the Officials and Health Workers of his Barangay.

SECTION 5. Duties of LGUs. All local government officials and employees are hereby ordered to implement this Order, such other Orders and Advisories relating to COVID-19, the provisions of Republic Act No. 9271 (*Quarantine Act of 2004*) and Republic Act No. 11332 (*Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act*).

SECTION 6. Administrative Liability. Any government official or employee who violates this Order shall be charged administratively.

SECTION 7. This Order shall take effect today at Four O'clock in the afternoon.

Done this 16th day of March 2020 in the Province of Masbate.


HON. ANTONIO T. KHO
Provincial Governor *JK*